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TOBACCO DEALERS DISCUSS PRICES

WAREHOUSEMAN SECURE OPINION FROM LARGE DEALERS.

Most of the Dealers, However, Expect a Marked Decline in Price Over Last Year.

Prices for this year's tobacco crop have been the subject of no little discussion recently, especially among those farmers who have hoped by putting increased acreage in tobacco, to offset to some extent the low prices which they are getting for their cotton. From authorities sources the farmers have been warned against putting too much land in tobacco. Nevertheless quite a good deal of it will be planted in this section, and the effort is being made to keep the expense down to the minimum.

Mr. R. D. Cothran, a tobacco warehouseman of Manning has recently interested himself in the probable prices that will be paid this year, and has written to practically all of the large tobacco dealers asking them for an expression. The answers to Mr. Cothran's letter are reprinted from the Manning Times in full, and they will be of no little interest to every planter in this part of the State. They are as follows:

J. P. Taylor C., Inc.
Richmond, Va.,
March 17, 1919
Mr. R. D. Cothran, Proprietor,
Central Warehouse,
Manning, S. C.

Dear Sir:—
Replying to your valued favor of the 15th in which you state that it has been reported that the South Carolina crop of tobacco would not sell well this year, and that you had heard same as coming from us.

Be leave to say that there is no human being who can tell what the coming crop of tobacco will sell at. The chances are, however, that tobacco like all other products will have a downward tendency for the next few years. We certainly, however, expect to see tobacco bring remunerative prices, and while it may not be as high as the past year there is no reason that it will not sell at a price that will pay the farmer. Our advice to the farmer would be not to try to increase their crop over last year, but try to make as good and as much tobacco per acre as they possibly can, by good cultivation and close attention and not to place all of their dependence on one crop.

Yours very truly,
J. P. Taylor, Pres.

The Southern Tobacco Journal,
Winston-Salem, N. C.
March 17, 1919.

R. D. Cothran,
Manning, S. C.

Dear Sir:—

Your letter of the 14th day received. Replying to same I beg to say that I can only give you my personal opinion. I am frank to say that I do not believe that prices will be as high next season as they have been the last two. I believe this is the general impression. As to how much lower it will be no one can tell. I believe that 20 cents will be about the average, but that is under the circumstances a liberal estimate.

I also believe that farmers can grow tobacco next season with a fair profit. The only or the best thing for all farmers to do is to make their own supplies and then what tobacco or cotton they can. If they will do this, they will be safe. I shall refer to the matter at length in my issue next week. With best wishes I am,
Yours very truly,
G. E. Webb.

Jno. E. Hughes & Co.,
Danville, Va.
March 19, 1919

Mr. R. D. Cothran,
Manning, S. C.

Dear Sir:—

Yours of the 16th, received and replying will say, we do not like to make any predictions about how the next crop of tobacco will sell, but we will say this much, that prices have fallen off tremendously in the Old Belt since the holidays, some grade fully fifty per cent, and others considerably, and the same conditions apply to Kentucky crops, which we are inclined to think is on account of over production by the farmers and this crop of bright tobacco will unquestionably weigh out seventy five to a hundred million pounds more than the last one, and the last one, weighed out seventy five to a hundred million pounds more than the previous one did, which will make the two crops a hundred and fifty to two hundred million pounds more than ever was sold in the bright belt before, and this is evidently creating a surplus which in our opinion, together with the prospects

END TO NEURING'S LIFE.

War Minister of Saxony Killed in Dresden and Body Thrown in Elbe

Copenhagen, April 13—Herr Neuring, war minister in the govern of Saxony, was killed at Dresden yesterday by disgruntled soldiers to whom the minister had refused a hearing. The war ministry was stormed by demonstrators who dragged out Herr Neuring and threw him into the Elbe, where he was shot and killed as he tried to swim to the bank.

Wounded patients in the Dresden hospitals says the Dresden dispatch detailing the occurrence, collected in the morning in the theater square to protest against an order issued by Herr Neuring to the effect that the wounded in the future should receive only peace time pay. Five or six hundred men formed a procession to the war ministry and sent a deputation to see the minister, who refused, however, to receive them.

Upon this the crowd incited by communistic speakers, stormed the entrance to the buildings. The sentries used their weapons but were overpowered. Government troops were summoned but they declared they would not attack the crowd and marched off after surrendering their arms.

An excited crowd meanwhile, had thronged the square in front of the building and machine guns posted at various points were firing on the ministry. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the demonstrators had forced their way into the main building, followed the war minister to the upper story, where he had fled, and dragged him out into the street.

After the minister had been severely maltreated by the crowd he was hurled from the bridge into the river. When he tried to swim to the bank the demonstrators fired at him and within a few moments he disappeared under the water.

The Negro Turning Back to Dixie.

Atlanta, Ga., April 12—The southern negro has found out that the south is the best place after all. This is evidenced by the constantly increasing stream of negroes "homeward bound" from the army and from the north, where they set out some time ago to find the "promised land."

Evidently many of them failed to find it, for, according to some, of those who have found their way back to Atlanta, "there ain't no place like Georgia after all."

They are finding out that the north treated them well just so long as they were needed, and that when the time came they were shoved out to shift for themselves. Climatic conditions and everything else aided in the lesson, and they wanted to get back to the sunny south and "de quality folks." This is a summary of how they all feel, though they express it differently, of course.

of a large planting this season, will further reduce prices, and from the present prospects, it looks to us like if the next crop of tobacco brings half of what the last one did, it will do well.

Yours very truly,
Jno. E. Hughes & Co., Inc.

The American Tobacco Company
New York,
March 18, 1919.

Mr. R. D. Cothran,
Central Warehouse,
Manning, S. C.

Dear Sir:—
Yours of the 14th inst, addressed to our Richmond Va., office has been referred to this department for attention.

We are afraid we cannot give very much advice as to the prices the next crop of tobacco in your section will bring. Prices of tobacco, as well as all other commodities, are governed by the law of supply and demand. For the past several years, or since the commencement of the war, leaf tobacco of all types has advanced very materially in price. This was brought about primarily by increased demand by this Government, as well as other Governments furnishing tobacco to soldiers, and it is a matter of common knowledge that men in the Service consume a much larger quantity of tobacco, per capita, than they do in civilian life. Now that the war is over, there will undoubtedly be some curtailment in the demand for leaf tobacco—as to what extent, we cannot prophesy. Furthermore, it is our understanding that the stocks of American tobacco abroad are very low, and until the world has created a surplus of tobacco, as carried in normal times, there should be a demand that will show satisfactory prices to the grower.

Yours very truly,
J. H. Malher,
Vice-President.

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District Missionary Meeting.

The Marion District Missionary meeting was held Friday, April 11 at Little Rock.

The morning session opened with devotional service led by Mrs. Floyd, district secretary, who stressed the importance of prayers of the great missionary enterprise is a success. She thanked the ladies of the different auxiliaries for the splendid support given her and told them of the advancement along all lines of work in the district for the past year. We were fortunate to have with us two of our Conference officers, Mrs. Kirkwood and Mrs. Major, also Mrs. Exum of Florence District.

Mrs. Major, told of the work with the juniors. She made each auxiliary 2nd V-President feel that she has a great work—a work with wonderful possibilities.

The Young People's Work was very interestingly presented by Mrs. Exum. After hearing reports from the juniors and young people a hymn was sung and the morning session closed with a prayer led by Rev. Mr. Hook, presiding elder of the district.

The afternoon session opened with devotional service led by Rev. S. J. Bethea, pastor of the Little Rock Church, using as his scripture lesson the 2nd Psalm.

Reports from the adult societies showed that Marion District is growing along all lines of Mission work, one society reporting eleven tithers out of a membership of sixteen.

Mrs. John Hargrove in a most impressive manner discussed the subject of Christian Stewardship with especial emphasis on the financial side. As a result of this earnest appeal showing so clearly that everything belongs to God that we are only stewards thirty-four ladies stood pledging themselves to tithes.

Following Mrs. Hargrove's talk and with the same earnestness Mrs. Kirkwood who had only a few hours before returned from the Council Meeting in Memphis, told of the tremendous responsibility resting upon the Missionary Societies as a result of the great world war.

Mrs. L. Cottingham, successful leader of a Missionary Study Class, told of the importance of having a class in each auxiliary.

Then the pledges were made, each auxiliary increasing its pledge for the coming year.

The singing of the doxology and the pronouncing of the benediction by Mrs. Bethea brought to a close one of the best meetings ever held in Marion District—a meeting noticeable for the enthusiasm and earnestness manifested by every one present.

St. Paul's Auxiliary received the district warmly, officers and visitors asserting repeatedly that they had never been more delightfully entertained.

Preparatory Revival Services.

Preparatory Revival Services will be held every afternoon next week at the Main street Methodist church. The services will be held at 6 o'clock and will last just one hour. At these services the Pastor, Dr. Watson B. Duncan, will give a series of "studies in Discipleship." The sub-topics will be as follows:

Monday—"The Meaning of Discipleship."

Tuesday—"The Conditions of Discipleship."

Wednesday—"Defective Discipleship."

Thursday—"Dynamic Discipleship."

Friday—"The Rewards of Discipleship."

Saturday—"The Discipleship and Soul Winning."

A special invitation is extended to all Christian workers and to all who are interested in their own spiritual life or the salvation of others.

After the Delinquents.

A representative of the State Highway Commission casually dropped in to Dillon the other day and some ten or twelve automobile owners who had neglected to secure 1919 licenses were from \$10 to \$25 poorer, besides the regular license fee, when he left town. Among them were some of the town's most representative citizens, but the pleas of "being too busy to attend to it" or having "forgotten it" were of no avail and the unfortunate had to come across with the usual fine. These gentlemen were not trying to evade the tax, but had neglected to send in their applications with the usual fee. The representative of the Commission explained that the owner of an automobile was liable for the whole year's tax even if his car stood under the shed and was not used until the last day of the year. Other automobile owners who have neglected to secure their 1919 licenses should profit by the sad experience of their less fortunate brethren.

Postmaster Needs More Help.

Postmaster Hargrove says if the business at the local postoffice continues to increase the government will have to provide more help or the service will suffer. The Dillon office has been made the central office for all the offices in the county and the present force is not equal to the task of handling this increased business and giving the patrons the service they should have. Postmaster Hargrove has asked for additional help but has been unable to get it. The present force is handling twice the amount of business it handled two or three years ago and the volume of business is increasing every day. Supplies for every office and rural route in the county are handled through the local office and it keeps the entire force on its toes every minute of the day to handle this extra volume of work and put up and dispatch the mails.

D. A. R. Meeting.

The Rebecca Pickens Chapter, D. A. R. met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Albert Parker. As there was quite a lot of important business to be transacted the meeting was called for 4:30. That with the beautiful spring afternoon brought a good attendance.

Two years ago the chapter gave a medal for the best paper from a school child in the county. This medal was won by Miss Vera Gaddy, and her efforts were very much appreciated by the chapter. Now this year some of the schools in the county have a shorter session, some have closed so the chapter is offering a medal for some high school girl in this town. This is but fair to the county and next year this contest will be opened to all.

Latta has a very thriving chapter, Lone Oak, and they may possibly assist Dillon. The medal is one which any girl would be proud to wear.

Two weeks ago the marker committee placed a marker to the grave of a Revolutionary soldier, Jordan Sellers, an ancestor of Mr. John C. Sellers of Sellers, and the late Hon. P. B. Sellers of the Dillon bar.

Mrs. John C. Bethea was elected a delegate to represent Rebecca Pickens Chapter at the County Federation of Woman's Clubs which will be held in Sellers in May.

The entertainment committee with Miss Mary Bethea, chairman, will have something for the soldiers probably on the 26th. Miss Bethea's brother, John C. Bethea, Jr., will be at home by then, in all probability.

Mrs. W. C. Tolar, Mrs. Otis Page, Miss Mary King, of Florence County, Mrs. W. C. Oliver, Marion, Miss Alice Jackson, Mrs. J. S. Thompson were elected members of the chapter and Mrs. Herman Beatty, formerly Miss Kathryn Ingram of Dillon received a most hearty reconsideration from this chapter in order that she might

Mrs. A. Coke Rogers as chairman had a splendid program. Subject: "Antibellum schools in South Carolina." Mrs. Lawrence R. Craig had a most interesting article on "Education in Antibellum Days." Mrs. James Hargrove read a splendid paper on "Educational Advantages Since the Revolution." A paper on "What we can do to promote education in South Carolina," written by Miss Ruth Allen was read by Mrs. A. M. Bethea.

This closed a most interesting meeting and will be next held with Mrs. C. R. Taber.

After the Cider Dealers.

Mayor Hamer is taking prompt and vigorous measures against the dealers in a certain brand of cider that carries a kick stronger than the law allows. The mayor had before him Saturday several merchants who have been handling the concoction that serves as a poor substitute for the real article, but each defendant entered the plea that he did not know it was a violation of the law to handle the stuff and upon the promise that they would discontinue the sale of it only nominal fines were imposed and they were dismissed with the warning that a second offense would mean the limit of the law. The stock of cider found in each establishment was destroyed in the presence of the officers. It is said that the article contained 8 per cent. of alcohol.

Liberty Loan Picnic.

Every woman in Dillon county who feels it her patriotic duty to assist in the Big Liberty Loan Drive will please be in Dillon on Saturday the 26th with a full dinner basket. The housewives all over Dillon county are expected to put forth their best efforts to give the boys a pleasant day. Do not prepare an elaborate dinner—but just good, substantial food.

Mrs. T. Leahlone Manning, Quartermaster Sergeant Woman's Committee Victory Liberty Loan.

AIR OF UNCERTAINTY ABOUT PROHIBITION.

Legal Advisers Can't Find Authority for Enforcement.

Washington, April 14—Legal advisers of the government agencies interested in liquor regulations examined statutes and Executive order today without finding specific legal authority by which the Internal Revenue Bureau might enforce war time prohibition after July 1.

President Wilson, under the Overman act giving him power to transfer functions from one department to another, might delegate the authority to the revenue bureau, some lawyers declared. However, this still would leave the bureau without adequate funds to pay the costs of maintaining a large federal police force, unless there is some legislation at an early special session of Congress.

Air of Uncertainty.

Suggestions received today did not change materially the air of uncertainty over the question of how prohibition is to be enforced after July 1, as caused by Internal Revenue Commission Roper's announcement that his bureau had not the authority nor the funds to carry out the enforcement measures properly. Many telegrams received at the commission's office today reflected keen interest by individuals and organizations throughout the country in the status of wartime prohibition.

Mr. Roper added nothing to his statement in reply to these queries, it was said.

A Former Order.

Legal advisers of other agencies to discover that an executive order, issued by the President, dated September 2, 1917, issued under authority of the Overman act, delegated to the revenue bureau and the customs division the enforcement of the provision of the Food Conservation Act of August 10, 1917, which prohibited the use of food materials in production of whiskey and paved the way for restriction of beer brewing.

The amendment to the Agricultural Appropriation Act of November 21, 1918, by which war time prohibition effective July 1, was established, did not become a law until long after that executive order was issued, and consequently the order would not apply to the prohibition measure.

The act of November 21, 1918, provided "that after June 30, 1919, until the conclusion of the present war, and thereafter until the termination of demobilization the date of which shall be determined and proclaimed by the President of the United States . . . it shall be unlawful to sell for beverage purposes any distilled spirits . . ." The act also specifies that in this time "no beer, wine or other intoxicating malt or vinous liquor shall be sold for beverage purposes except for export."

RACE CLASH ENDS FATALLY.

Two White Officers and Four Negroes Dead.

Millen, Ga., April 13—Six persons are known to be dead as a result of a race clash in the northern part of this (Jenkins) County this afternoon.

The dead:
W. C. Brown, county policeman.
T. H. Stephens, night marshal.
Edmond Scott, a negro; John Holloway Ruffin, negro, and two of his brothers.

The scene of the clash was at a negro church meeting in the Carwell Grove. Scott was bringing a preacher from Waynesboro, 15 miles away, in an automobile, when he was stopped by the two officers who had been called to the scene because of reports that blind tiger liquor was being distributed. Finding a pistol on Scott they placed him under arrest.

Joe Ruffin, father of the three negroes who were killed, drove up in his high powered car and is alleged to have opened fire. The two officers and Scott and three of the Ruffin boys were killed there. Stephens, who had been especially active against blind tigers was not only shot, but his head and body were beaten. He lived nearly two hours, however.

Officers who rushed to the scene found Joe Ruffin and carried him to Augusta for safekeeping.

They are still hunting for Louis Ruffin and others who are alleged to have figured in the shooting. Hundred of people hurried to the scene when first reports of the clash were received and many of these remained out all night.

Ice Cream Supper.

There will be an ice cream supper at New Holly School Friday evening, April 18, 1919. Come one, come all; we shall be glad to have you. Bring your dimes, bring your dollars. There will be plenty of good things to eat.

COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

NEWSY LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS.

News Items of Interest to Herald Readers, Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.

Oak Grove.

If you will allow me space in your paper I will give you a few dots in and around Oak Grove.

At the Sunday school services last Sunday morning at Bethesda church a movement was started to raise funds to make improvements on the church building. In a short while a large amount was pledged and raised in cash among the members of the Sabbath school. It is the purpose of those back of the movement to have the undertaking well under way in the near future so that work may be begun in the course of the next few weeks.

W. E. Rogers of Brownsville and J. S. Rair of Oak Grove attended the centenary meeting at Dillon last Tuesday.

Mr. John David Hayes of Florence is visiting his brother, Rev. Wilson Hayes of this place.

Oscar Hayes son of Mr. Thos. R. Hayes has recently returned from France where he did his part in breaking the Hindenburg line.

Nearly everybody around here is through planting cotton and good stands are seen in many fields. Corn also seems to be an unusually good stand.

The fine rain which visited this community last Friday put new life into everything.

Mr. Bruce Turbeville, of Florence is spending a few days with his uncle, G. T. Turbeville.

R. W. Wise of Lake View visited relatives in this section Sunday.

Miss Theresa Berry of Latta attended the commencement at Oak Grove School house Saturday night. Miss Dessie Turbeville is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hammond, near Oak Grove.

Messrs. Sellers and Tom Love went to Bennettsville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wise were visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hayes Sunday P. M.

Messrs. Coy and Oliver wise of Lake View were pleasant visitors in this section Sunday.

Sellers.

Mrs. W. J. Summerlin's music class will give a recital Friday night, April 18th. The public is cordially invited to attend. The exercises will take place at the school building.

The ladies school club here, with the help of the trustees, has recently ordered 200 opera chairs for the school auditorium.

We hope to have these installed by May 3rd when the Dillon county federation of clubs meets at Sellers.

Mrs. J. T. Hudson had as guests Sunday her brother, Mr. Bonham Smith and family of Mullins.

Mr. W. H. Muller, Superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school at Dillon gave an earnest, forceful talk on the Centenary movement at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon.

Miss Berry Bass of Latta spent Sunday with her grand mother, Mrs. Cherry Watson.

Early Closing.

We, the undersigned, hereby agree to close our stores every day except Saturdays at 7 o'clock in the afternoon. This agreement in effect from date to hold good until September 1st, 1919:

L. Cottingham, Hargrove-Hall Co. M. B. Blumberg, Wm. Brick, Saleby Dry Goods Co., Williams Furniture Co., Morris Fass, D. H. Fass, Vaughan Furniture Co., Jones Dry Goods Co., E. T. Elliott, Jr., Dillon Hardware Co., Palmetto Hardware Co., S. G. Saleby, I Blum Co.

Big Day April 26th.

Invitations have been extended to the people of the county to come to Dillon on Saturday the 26th and assist in extending a welcome back home to the returned soldier boys. The feature of the day will be a dinner served in picnic style. There will be addresses by returned soldiers, including Co. Springs of Georgetown. Music will be furnished by a military band. The committee in charge of arrangements wants every woman in the county who attends to bring a basket of good, substantial food. See that some way is provided for every soldier in your community to attend.

Meeting of Royal Arch Masons.

There will be regular meeting of this Chapter Monday night, April the 21st. Visiting companions cordially invited.

E. C. Stanton, Sec'y.